

## Municipal workers oppose GO 279

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Municipal workers taking out a rally in Vijayawada on Wednesday. Photo: V. Raju

Municipal workers from across the State took out a rally here on Wednesday opposing GO 279 issued on December 31, 2015, which they said was aimed at terminating the services of DWCRAs in local bodies and handover sanitation contracts to TDP leaders.

Workers affiliated to trade unions such as CITU, AITUC, and INTUC descended on the city to register their protest. They took out a rally from Tummalapalli Kshetranya Kalakshetram to Alanakar Centre.

The workers alleged that as a step in that direction, the government issued the GO regarding Municipal Solid Waste Management-Operational Guidelines for Micro Planning, Work Rationalisation and Outsourcing of Work Packages – Uniform Implementation by all Urban Local Bodies.

Recalling that the TDP government, during its earlier stint, encouraged DWCRAs and CMEY groups, the workers said that the move was aimed at benefiting the TDP workers and contractors. These guidelines were not practical to implement, except for paving the way for termination of services of existing sanitary workers, they said.

The sanitation works at the CM camp office were awarded to Telangana-based GVG company. On the one hand the government claims that it would support the self-help groups (SHGs) and on the other it terminates their services and ropes in private firms from other States.

The sanitation workers would not have job security if the GO was adopted because the contractor would become the principal employer rather than the Municipal Commissioner concerned.

AP Municipal Workers' Joint Action Committee chairman K. Umamaheswara Rao, Andhra Pradesh Municipal Workers' Union State general secretary Asula Ranganayakulu and others spoke.

